

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 636

By Givens

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. George F. Tunnell of
Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the death of Mr. George F. Tunnell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tunnell was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, a noble son of the soil, Mr. Tunnell was a retired farmer for whom
agriculture was a lifelong love and vocation; and

WHEREAS, George F. Tunnell also served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of
HDC, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary
quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, George F. Tunnell was a devout member of the East Rogersville Baptist
Church, where he served faithfully for many years as an active member of the Adult Men's
Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tunnell served the Rogersville community through his active
involvement in the Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tunnell was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, George F. Tunnell was preceded in death by his parents, J.O. Tunnell and Callie Rowan Tunnell; four brothers, Ernest, Otis, Joseph C., and Oliver Tunnell; and two sisters, Janette Newberry and Velma Russell; and

WHEREAS, George F. Tunnell is survived by his former wife, Ruby Kite Tunnell; and he was the proud and loving father of two children, Jane Byrd and Jimmy Tunnell; and

WHEREAS, he will also be greatly missed by his son-in-law, Reverend Grady Byrd, and daughter-in-law, Mary Tunnell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tunnell will be lovingly remembered by his seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, George F. Tunnell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. George F. Tunnell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of George F. Tunnell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.